



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
November 17, 2015

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II, Council Chairman
Mr. Paul Cain, District III, Vice Chairman
Mr. Edda Cammick, District I, Chairman Pro Tem
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV
Mr. Reg Dexter, District V

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Scott Moulder, County Attorney David Root and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council present.

Press:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Ray Chandler / Anderson Independent & Stephen Bradley / The Daily Journal.

Call to Order

Mr. Cain called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. as Mr. McCall was present but feeling unwell.

Public Comment Session

Ms. Lynn Martin addressed Council in opposition to the closing of the Tamassee-Salem Middle/High School and her concerns related to the School District of Oconee County [SDOC] spending.

Ms. Judy Adams addressed Council utilizing a handout [copy filed with these minutes] in support of Resolution R2015-17.

Ms. Donna Owens addressed Council in opposition to the closing of the Tamassee-Salem Middle/High School and her concerns related to the SDOC spending.

Mr. Scott Rogers addressed Council in opposition to the closing of the Tamassee-Salem Middle/High School and her concerns related to the SDOC spending.

Ms. Darlene Graham addressed Council in opposition to the closing of the Tamassee-Salem Middle/High School and her concerns related to the SDOC spending.

County Council Response to Public Comment

Ms. Cammick and Mr. Dexter addressed their concerns related to Resolution R2015-17.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Cain asked for a moment of silence prior the Invocation by the County Chaplain.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain:

Mr. Root, County Council Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Ms. Cammick led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve the November 3, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Administrator's Report & Agenda Summary

Mr. Moulder briefly reviewed with Council and for the public's benefit specifics related to the following matters before Council at this meeting:

- First Reading of Resolutions: R2015-15, R2015-17
- Discussion / Action Items
- Executive Session

Additionally Mr. Moulder requested Council amend the agenda to consider approval of an emergency purchase in accordance with the county's procurement policies for an Incinerator for the Animal Shelter. Discussion followed.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to amend the agenda to add to Discussion / Action Items consideration of an emergency purchase in accordance with the county's procurement policies for an Incinerator for the Animal Shelter.

First Reading of the Following Resolutions

Resolution R2015-15 "A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT OT CEASE COUNTY MAINTENANCE ON, AND TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY CONSENT TO JUDICIAL ABANDONMENT AND CLOSURE OF, A PORTION OF A CERTAIN OCONEE COUNTY ROAD; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO"

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Resolution R2015-15** on first & final reading.

Resolution R2015-17 "RESOLUTION OF THE OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL ASSERTING NON-PARTICIPATION IN THE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM"

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, to table **Resolution R2015-17** on first & final reading to allow amendments to the resolution for action at the December 1, 2015 regular Council meeting. Discussion followed.

Mr. Cain called for the vote; the motion passed 5 – 0 to table **Resolution R2015-17** to the December 1, 2015 regular Council meeting.

Discussion Regarding Action Items

Wheel Loader for Solid Waste Transfer Station / \$235,218.19
Two [2] Tri-Axle Trucks / Roads & Bridges / \$311,600.00
Three [3] Equipment Trailers / Roads & Bridges / \$59,013.93
Single Axle Dump Truck / Roads & Bridges / \$84,261.40
Incinerator / Animal Control / \$83,000

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve the following five [5] Action Items in a single motion as follows:

[1] Award the purchase of a 2015 Komatsu WA320-7 wheel loader for the Solid Waste department from Linder Industrial Machinery, of Greer, SC in the amount of \$235,218.19;

[2] Award the purchase of two 2016 Kenworth Tri-Axle trucks for the Roads and Bridges department from Worldwide Equipment, of Greenville, SC in the amount of \$311,600.00;

[3] Award the purchase of three (3) tilt equipment trailers for the Roads and Bridges department from Lee Transport Equipment, Inc., of Columbia, SC, in the amount of \$59,013.93

[4] Award the purchase of a Single Axle Dump Truck from Carolina International Trucks Inc., of Columbia, SC, in the amount of \$84,261.40; and,

[5] Award the purchase of an Incinerator for Animal Control from B & L Creation Services, Largo, Florida in the amount of \$83,000.

Council Committee Reports

Budget, Finance & Administration Committee / Ms. Cammick

Ms. Cammick read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] outlining the discussions and/or actions that took place at the November 10, 2015 Budget, Finance & Administration Committee meeting.

Old Business:

SCAC Legislative Alert regarding Local Government Fund / Mr. Dexter

Mr. Dexter read a portion of a letter from SCAC [copy filed with these minutes] outlining ongoing concerns with underfunding of the Local Government Fund.

Economic Development / Greenville News Articles / Mr. Thrift

Mr. Thrift provided copies of two Greenville News articles [copies filed with these minutes] praising efforts of the Oconee County Economic Development team.

New Business:

Agriculture Advisory Board

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to direct the County Attorney to draft an Ordinance for an Agriculture Board to include granting them authority to raise funds and seek grant funding.

Executive Session:

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 4 – 1 [Mr. Dexter opposed] to enter Executive Session as allowed for in §30-4-70 (a) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended, 1976 for the purpose of:

[1] discussion regarding pending litigation related to Oconee County v Hanger III, et. al.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:16 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Thrift, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0.

Mr. Cain stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 2 [Mr. Thrift & Mr. Dexter opposed] to direct the County Administrator to proceed as discussed in Executive Session.

Adjourn

Mr. Thrift made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council